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SUBJECT: FAHAD VISIT

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1. EMBOFF PRESENTED TENTATIVE SCHEDULE PER REF B TO PRINCE FAHD'S ASSISTANT MAHMOUD MALHAS 1600 MAY 14. MALHAS SAID PRINCE WOULD BE ARRIVING U.S. ON MAY 22; THIS LIABLE TO MODIFICATION, BUT MALHAS THOUGHT IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE CHANGED. SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN ADVISED DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE DURING DAY OF MAY 22. MALHAS BELIEVED FAHD WOULD LIKE IDEA OF HAVING MOST OF MAY 23 FOR REST AND PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS.

2. WITH REGARD TO PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND PRINCE FAHD, MALHAS THOUGHT PRINCE WOULD PREFER MOVING MEETING TO LATE AFTERNOON MAY 23. THIS HE SAID WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE "TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS" EARLY MAY 24. HE WILL PROVIDE CONFIRMATION OF THIS MAY 15.

3. MALHAS DID NOT THINK FAHD WOULD REMAIN IN U.S. MORE THAN SEVERAL DAYS AFTER WASHINGTON VISIT. MOST OF THIS TIME WOULD BE IN NEW YORK WHERE FAHD HAS NUMEROUS INV-

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TATIONS FOR LUNCHEONS AND DINNERS. PRINCE IS CONSIDER-

ING RESOLVING THESE COMPETING SOCIAL DEMANDS BY GIVING TWO BIG DINNERS, ONE FOR OIL COMPANIES AND ONE FOR OTHER BUSINESS INTERESTS. MALHAS WILL ALSO TRY TO PROVIDE US MAY 15 FIRM INDICATION ABOUT FHAD'S PREFERENCES FOR TRAVELS AND ACTIVITIES AFTER HE LEAVES WASHINGTON.

4. SAUDI DELEGATION LIKELY TO BE LARGE, ABOUT 40 PERSONS. IN ADDITION TO PRINCE, MINISTER FOR PLANNING, HISHAM NAZER; MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM, YAMANI; AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, MOHAMMAD ABA AL-KHAYL, THERE WILL BE ABOUT TEN FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (INCLUDING FOUR GENERALS), AND THREE TO FIVE PERSONS FROM EACH OF MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, PETROLEUM, DEFENSE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

5. IT WAS CLEAR FROM EMBOFF'S EARLIER ENCOUNTER SAME DAY WITH MINISTER FOR PLANNING, NAZER, THAT SAUDIS (AND PROBABLY PRINCE HIMSELF) ASSUMED THAT PRESIDENT WOULD BE HOSTING EITHER A LUNCH OR A DINNER FOR THE PRINCE. COMMENT: WE STRONGLY URGE THIS BE DONE. SUCH HOSPITALITY WAS PROVIDED PRINCE ON HIS LAST VISIT TO U.S. WHEN HIS IMPORTANCE IN SAG, AND PURPOSE OF VISIT, LESS THAN IT IS NOW.

6. TO THE EXTENT THAT OTHER SUPPORT CAN BE PROVIDED, THIS WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE. USG FOR INSTANCE MAY WISH TO PUT A MILITARY PLANE AT FAHD'S DISPOSAL EVEN FOR THE SHORT HOP FROM WASHINGTON TO NEW YORK. (DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT SAG ASSUMED ALL THE EXPENSES FOR SECRETARY'S FOUR RECENT VISITS TO RIYADH--WITH NUMBER OF AMERICANS INVOLVED EACH TIME TOTALING ABOUT 100).  
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